

Independent Medical Examination Seminar Focused on Spinal Impairment Rating

Saturday, December 5, 2015

L&I Tukwila Office at 12806 Gateway Drive South, Tukwila, WA 98168

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- Overview:** This course is recommended for all health care providers who treat injured workers and for IME examiners and chiropractic consultants who are preparing to apply for approved examiner status.
- Learning Objectives:** Independent Medical Examinations (IMEs) are performed at the request of the insurer when there are clinical issues with injured workers. This seminar has two primary learning objectives which participants will learn: (1) how to provide high-quality IMEs and (2) how to rate impairment of the lumbar and cervical spine.
- Health care providers will learn how to prepare for and conduct the IME, obtain interpreters, report unbiased examination findings and rate spinal impairment. Using case studies, participants will hone their existing skills and learn additional ones in: examination and impairment rating of straightforward and complex cases, producing an IME report, and preparing for depositions and testimony. Participants will learn to apply the Washington State Category Rating System accurately and use impairment rating worksheets in small group exercises.
- Instructors:** **Dennis Austin**, DC, Consultant to L&I; Approved Examiner; Tacoma
Les White, DC, Private practice; Consultant to L&I; Approved Examiner; Approved Chiropractic Consultant, Seattle
Ron Wilcox, DC, Private practice; Member, Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee and Chair of the Provider Education and Outreach Subcommittee; Vice-Chair, Advisory Committee on Healthcare Innovation and Evaluation; Approved Examiner; Approved Chiropractic Consultant, Tumwater

SEMINAR AGENDA

8:00 – 8:05	Introductions	All Instructors
8:05 – 9:30	Track Options <i>Track 1:</i> Impairment Rating of Lumbar Spine <i>Track 2:</i> For experienced, approved examiners: Report Writing	(1) Les White, DC (2) Dennis Austin, DC, and Ron Wilcox, DC
9:30 – 9:45	Break	
9:45 – 12:00	Track Options <i>Track 1:</i> Impairment Rating of Cervical Spine <i>Track 2:</i> For experienced, approved examiners: Medical Legal	(1) Les White, DC (2) Dennis Austin, DC, and Ron Wilcox, DC
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (Provided)	
1:00 – 3:00	Nuances of Challenging Cases Occupational Health Best Practices	Small Group Exercises
3:00 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 4:45	Complex Case Scenarios	Small Group Exercises
4:45 – 5:00	Questions and Adjourn	All Instructors



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